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## Statewide Calendar Announcement

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## **AGRICULTURAL REGULATIONS:**

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WHAT: California Secretary of Agriculture AG Kawamura, will introduce a workshop that will help producers manage the burden of regulations. The new tool, called AgComplyIT helps farmers create a unified plan for dealing with regulations. The workshops will be presented throughout California simultaneously in at least 20 locations by 31 county Agricultural Commissioners assisted by 15 Small Business Development Centers.

Kawamura's introduction will be part of a DVD that opens each workshop. The new Excel<sup>TM</sup>-based tool will be distributed free on CD to producers attending the workshops. It will privately identify the state and federal production related regulations that may apply to a particular enterprise and helps growers create a plan to comply with them. After the introduction, agency representatives at the local sites will join growers in a facilitated discussion.

**DATE**: Thursday, September 8, 2005

TIME: 4:00 – 6:00 pm (specific times may vary)

**WHERE**: California  $\rightarrow$  20 locations in 31 counties

**MORE INFORMATION**: For a location and to confirm start time of a workshop near you, call your local Agricultural Commissioner or call (530) 852-4768